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July 21, 2017

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am proud to support the Springfield Mass Transit District's (SMTD) application for funding under the Bus and Bus Facilities Infrastructure Investment Program.

The SMTD has requested these funds to replace six Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueled buses. The organization made the commitment in 1996 to maintain a 50 percent alternative-fueled fleet and the buses SMTD is seeking to replace are alternative fueled. This mass transit district continually strives to provide excellence in bus transportation to the citizens of Springfield, Illinois. In addition, the SMTD has been challenged to expand service, grow ridership, and replace aging equipment during a period of economic decline, increased unemployment, and funding constraints. These funds would assist in SMTD's efforts to provide quality transportation and allow for the maintenance of their green fleet.

For these reasons, I support the SMTD's request for funding through the Bus and Bus Facilities Infrastructure Investment Program. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Rodney Davis
Member of Congress